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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No.: 10/554,028  
Applicant: Chunquan Chen, et al.  
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Title: USE OF LIPO-CHITOLIGOSACCHARIDES TO INITIATE EARLY FLOWERING  
AND FRUIT DEVELOPMENT IN PLANTS AND RELATED METHODS AND  
COMPOSITIONS  
T.C./A.U.: 1616  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated June 18, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.